

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-5, 7-8, 10, 12-15, 17-18, 20, 22-25, 27-28, 30 are allowed.

Independent claim 8, 18 and 28 are towards a filtering method and recites "...dividing the digital image into a plurality of frames, each frame including a plurality of blocks, wherein each block of the plurality of blocks may be represented as a plurality of elements within a plurality of columns (m) and rows (n), where m and n are each two or more; filtering each element of each column of each block, wherein for a given mth column, weighting column m-1 25%, weighting column m 50%, and weighting column m+1 25%; filtering each element of each row of the block, where given an nth row, filtering further comprises weighting row n-1 25%, weighting row n 50%, and weighting row n+1 25%; and decimating a subset of the plurality of blocks within a certain frame of the plurality of frames based upon predetermined criteria..." which is a feature that is not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. Dependent claims 2-5, 7, 10-, 12-15, 17, 20-, 22-25, 27, and 30 are allowed for the reasons concerning the independent claims.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)-272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

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